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NATO-Canada: Opposition among NATO members to Ottawa's proposed troop cut in Europe continued to run high after formal consultations within the alliance began on 13 June. The Trudeau government's desire to complete rapidly the consultation process came under particular attack. As a result, the Canadian representative informed his colleagues that Ottawa would observe a more orderly process, expecting a "final" decision "something short of December." He also stressed that there is flexibility in the budget concerning equipment for and the role of Canadian forces in Europe, provided that publicity leaks do not box in Ottawa.

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